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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on October 10, 2002. In such Office Action pending claims 1-18 were subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. This Amendment document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

Included with this document is a press release regarding a product called RELEVE, being sold by Fitness First USA. In a telephone conversation with a representative of this company on Friday, November 1, 2002, Applicant's representative was told that this product has been on the market for three weeks. The RELEVE product includes an extract from the root of Baikal skullcap (*Scutellaria baicalensis*), and it is therefore urgent for Applicants to obtain allowance for the present case as soon as possible. Also, included with this document is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-3, 5-6, and 8-18.

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1. (amended) A method for inhibiting the cyclooxygenase enzyme COX-2 comprising administering a composition comprising a Free-B-Ring flavonoid or a composition containing a mixture of Free-B-Ring flavonoids; wherein said composition